



## **Major General Robert S. Ferrell**

**Army Chief Information Officer/G-6**

Major General Robert S. Ferrell became the Army CIO/G-6 on December 23, 2013.

As the CIO, Major General Ferrell reports directly to the Secretary of the Army, setting strategic direction and objectives for the network and supervises all Army C4 (command, control, communications, and computers) and IT functions. He oversees the Army's \$10 billion IT investments, manages enterprise IT architecture, establishes and enforces IT policies, and directs delivery of operational C4IT capabilities to support warfighters and business users. As the G-6, he advises the Chief of Staff of the Army on the network, communications, signal operations, information security, force structure and equipping.

Major General Ferrell, a native from Anniston, Alabama, enlisted in the Army and attained the rank of Sergeant. He completed his undergraduate degree at Hampton University and was commissioned in August 1983, as an Army Signal Corps Officer. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University and a Master of Science Degree in Strategy from the Army War College.

Throughout his career, he has served in Army units in the United States, Korea, and Europe and has deployed to Bosnia and Iraq. In addition to traditional company and field grade level assignments, he has commanded at every level from platoon to Army major subordinate command.

His principal staff assignments have been as Operations Officer and Communications-Electronics Officer, 2nd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne); Captain Assignments Officer, Signal Branch Army Personnel Command; Aide-de-Camp to the Secretary of the Army, Pentagon; Assistant Division Signal Officer, 82nd Airborne Division; Executive Officer, 82nd Signal Battalion; Operations Officer, 7th Signal Brigade, 5th Signal Command and Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, V Corps, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany; Military Assistant to the Executive Secretary, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon; Military Assistant to the Director, Program Management Office, Coalition Provisional Authority, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq; Chief, Programs Division, Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison, Pentagon; Army Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, New York; Director, Army Modernization, Strategic Communication, Army Capabilities Integration Center-Forward, Army Training and Doctrine Command, Pentagon; and Director for C4 Systems, United States Africa Command, Germany.

He commanded A Company, 426th Signal Battalion, 35<sup>th</sup> Signal Brigade, XVIII Airborne Corps; 13th Signal Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division and OPERATION JOINT FORGE, Tulza; 2<sup>nd</sup> Signal Brigade, 5<sup>th</sup> Signal Command, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany; and Communications-Electronics Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Major General Ferrell has earned numerous awards and decorations, most notably, the Defense Superior Service Medal (2nd Award); Legion of Merit (3rd Award); Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (6th Award), Army Commendation Medal (6th Award), and Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award).